

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 21, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Susan Andrews, Harlow Bielefeldt, Lee Wipfli, James Pearson, Mike O'Brien, Susie Austin, Dick Manke, Kathleen Books, Jody Krainer

Meeting called to order at 10:09 a.m.

PRESENTATION

Heather Nelson, an Addiction Recovery Associate from Aklermes, Inc., presented information on Vivitrol and its uses in substance abuse treatment. The medication is prescribed by a physician. It's a once a month injection. If you drink while taking Vivitrol you do not get the euphoria from the alcohol and it helps with the biological urges to use alcohol. The makers of Vivitrol promote therapy with the use of the medication. Patients stay on the medication for about one to two years. The cost is approximately \$700 per injection. It is covered by Wisconsin Medicaid Plans for a \$3.00 co-pay and more commercial insurance companies are covering this type of medication as well. The company also has a program for uninsured patients.

Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 16, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

There is no meeting in August. The group discussed ideas for agenda topics. All agreed they wanted to talk to Salvation Army and Hebron House about the homelessness issue in the county.

CITIZEN MEMBER REPORT

The Health and Human Services Board will meet this week on Wednesday and Thursday to hear the Managers Reports.

COUNTY AODA STAFF LIAISON REPORT

The Outpatient Clinic is looking at starting another Intensive Outpatient Program. There will be staff changes to accommodate the groups. Susan also talked to the group about the new BadgerCare Plus Plan. The State will waive the \$60.00 sign up fee if the resident is homeless.

ADJOURNMENT

James Pearson made a motion seconded by Mike O'Brian to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____